December 2, 2004

The Honorable Valerie Woodruff Secretary of Education 401 Federal Street Dover, DE 19901

RE: Teacher Training for Students with Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)

Dear Secretary Woodruff:

I write on behalf of the State Council for Persons with Disabilities' Brain Injury Committee (BIC) regarding teacher training for students with TBI. Specifically, BIC endorses the recommendation of the Governor's Advisory Council for Exceptional Citizens (see attached October 5, 2004 memo) to provide funding for teacher training in identification and assessment of students with TBI. In addition, the Committee recommends appropriate funding that will be required to provide support services as the number of eligible students increases.

The recommendation is consistent with BIC's previous efforts in this context. Enclosed please find correspondence for facilitated reference.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

John Goodier, Chairperson State Council for Persons with Disabilities' Brain Injury Committee

cc: Dr. Martha Brooks

Mr. Adam Fisher

Ms. Christine Pochomis

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Governor's Advisory Council for Exceptional Citizens

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